



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR March 13, 2012**



DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2012
TIME: 5:15 PM
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jeanette Mei, Vice-Chairperson Carrie Huang,
Commissioner Mary Orbeta, Leigh Pond, Angus Storm, and Sonia Xu

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

Absent: Commissioner Amanda Khoo, Danielle McGuinness, Mackenzie Prince,
Emani Pollard

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 14, 2012

Minutes of February 14, 2012 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Huang / Xu** (Approved)

"That the Minutes of February 14, 2012 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved."

Approved (5): Chairperson Mei, Vice-Chairperson Huang
Commissioner Orbeta, Storm, and Xu

Abstention (1): Commissioner Pond

Absent (4): Commissioner Khoo, McGuinness, Prince, Pollard

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

**A. Adoption of Amendments to the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission By-Laws
(Discussion / Action Item)**

“Adopting the changes in the Youth Commission By-Laws sections: Article V (Quorum) and Article VIII (Sect. 2) to “51% of *current members*” from the current “6 of 11 members”.

Absent (4): Commissioner Khoo, McGuinness, Prince, Pollard

A. Alameda Youth Speaks (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pond stated that the planning meeting had been held with Alameda Police Chief, Mike Noonan, and Jim Franz from Economic Development, to discuss Alameda Youth Speaks (AYS). This year, AYS will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, at the Alameda Free Library, beginning at 4:30 PM through 6:00 PM. There will be a presentation by Chief Noonan and the Alameda Police SWAT will give a demonstration. Additional presentations such as Crime Scene Investigations and Hostage Negotiations are available for future AYS. Commissioner Pond requested that a Youth Commissioner be the Master of Ceremony (MC). Commission Huang volunteered and Commissioner Pond stated that she will also be assisting. TC Wong suggested that the rest of the Youth Commission register for the event, and also to assist in other capacities such as snack area set up, registration and room monitoring.

B. Season of Non-Violence Speech Contest

Commissioner Huang stated that the speech contest will take place on Saturday, April 14, at the Alameda Free Library. Commissioner Huang was a past participant and will provide more details/updates at the next meeting.

C. Teen Job Search Skills Workshop (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Xu stated the Job Skills Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 19th, at the Alameda Free Library. This year the committee is working on additional topics of money management, budgeting and Financial Aids. TC Wong stated that with the success of the past couple of years we are keeping the same format. The workshop had the highest turn out last year, with over 70 participants attending. Overall evaluation of the event from the teens was very positive.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS, GENERAL

A. California Parks and Recreation Society, "YAC ATTACK" report

TC Wong informed the Youth Commission that the YAC Attack had over 400 teen attendees from the Bay Area, as well as and from Sacramento to Long Beach and Santa Barbara. The one-day conference was held on Saturday, March 3rd in Santa Clara and was designed by youth FOR youth. Some of the sessions included: Teen Etiquette, cyber bullying, special event planning, and building a youth/teen center, and how to get involved with city government.

B. RS Russi stated that the Egg Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, at Crab Cove. Please come out and assist if possible. This is the perfect time to wear your AYAC shirt and badge.

C. RS Russi reminded the Youth Commission to continue to promote the Youth Commission, because next year, there will be a several vacancies.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** **Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

10. **Adjournment** **5:47 PM**